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CHICKENS & EGGS

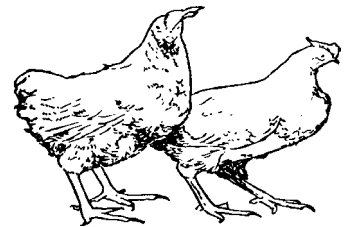
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Maryland laying flocks produced 62 million eggs during May 2003, of which 61 million were table eggs and 3 million were hatching eggs. The average rate of lay was 73.9 percent. The average number of layers on hand during May 2003 was 3,165,000. On June 1, 2003, 10.0 percent of the layers in Maryland were being molted and 27.0 percent of all layers had been through a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.27 billion during May 2003, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.15 billion table eggs and 1.13 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.06 billion were broiler-type and 64.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2003 averaged 334 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,180 eggs, up slightly May 2002. Egg-type chicks hatched during May totaled 38.2 million, down 1 percent from May 2002.

Eggs in incubators totaled 33.7 million on June 1, 2003, up 4 percent from a year ago. The May 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 792 million, was down 1 percent from May of the previous year. There were 652 million eggs in incubators on June 1, 2003, down 1 percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 7.6 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2003, up slightly from May 2002.



EGGS AND LAYERS: May 2002 and 2003

Item	2002	2003	2003/2002
Eggs Produced During May	<i>-----Million-----</i>		<i>Percent</i>
U.S.	7,297	7,274	100
Maryland	75	62	83
Layers, Average Number During May	<i>-----Thousand-----</i>		
U.S.	335,865	333,716	99
Maryland	3,165	2,705	85
Eggs/100 Layers During May	<i>-----Number-----</i>		
U.S.	2,173	2,180	100
Maryland	2,370	2,292	97

CROP PRODUCTION

This Crop Production Report is the results of the July Agricultural Yield Survey. We wish to thank the producers who help to make this report possible.

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Maryland: Based on the July Yield survey for conditions around July 1st, Maryland farmers are expecting a winter wheat yield of 56 bushels per acre, down 10 bushels from 2002 and down 8 bushels from the June forecast. Harvested acreage is down 30,000 acres from last year. This year's forecasted production is 8.4 million bushels, down 29 percent from last year due to both an acreage decrease and a decrease in expected yield. Weather conditions this spring and early summer have been characterized by cool temperatures and wet field conditions.

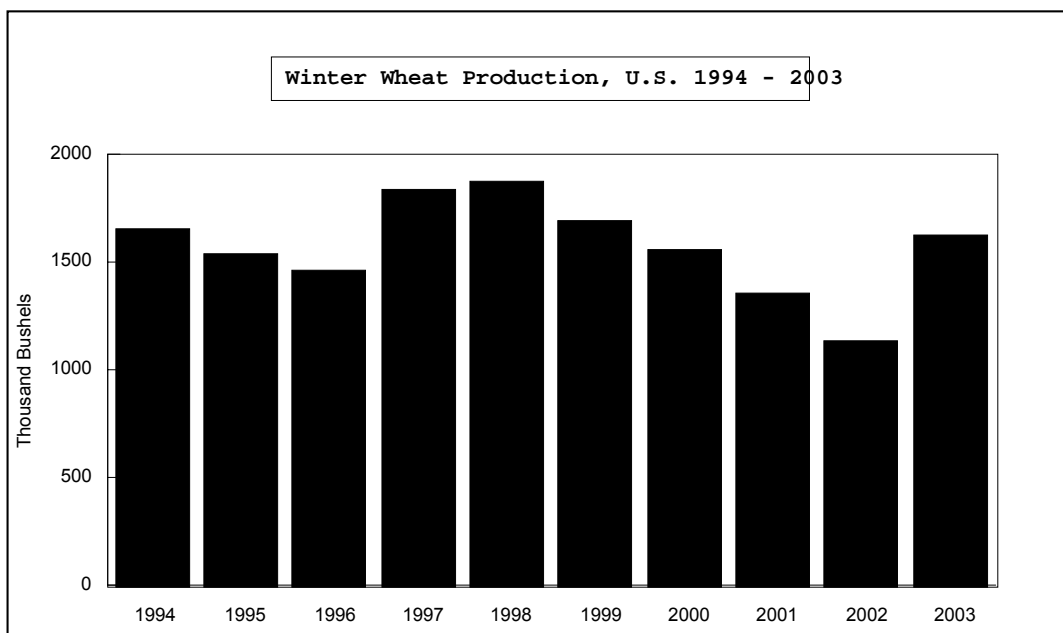
Barley yield is forecast at 61 bushels per acre, a 21 bushel decrease from 2002. Barley harvested acreage is down 1,000 acres from last year. Forecasted production is 2.44 million bushels, down 27 percent from last year. The barley harvest was 79 percent complete as of July 7th, 18 percent behind the five-year average.

Potato planted acreage is forecast at 4,700 acres. Harvested acreage is expected to be 4,600 acres with a projected yield of 240 cwt. per acre. Potato

production is forecast at 1.1 million cwt, down 6 percent from 2002.

Peach production is forecast at 10.5 million pounds, up 3.5 million pounds from 2002. Fruit set was good this year and the condition is rated 11 percent excellent, 60 percent good, and 29 percent fair. Harvest is beginning, with 2 percent of the crop harvested as of July 7th.

United States: Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.18 billion bushels, the lowest level since 1971. The production forecast is down 5 percent from last month and down 13 percent from 2001. The decline in production from the June forecast is due to a reduction in harvested acreage and a lower forecasted yield. Acres for harvest as grain are forecast at 29.8 million, 1 percent below the June forecast and down 5 percent from 2001. The U.S. yield is forecast at 39.6 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last month.



ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2002 AND 2003

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Maryland		<i>1,000 Acres</i>						<i>1,000</i>	
Corn ¹	ACR	510	530	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	425	450	76	-----	32,300	-----
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	80	-----	12	-----	960	-----
Peaches	BU	----	----	-----	-----	----	----	7,000	10,500
Soybeans	BU	490	480	470	475	23	-----	10,810	-----
Sorghum ¹	BU	5	5	----	----	----	----	----	----
Sorghum Grain	BU	----	----	4	4	47	-----	188	-----
Sorghum Silage	TON	----	----	1	-----	11	-----	11	-----
Winter Wheat	BU	195	165	180	150	66	56	11,880	8,400
Barley	BU	45	45	41	40	82	61	3,362	2,440
All Hay	TON	----	----	220	215	2.3	-----	508	-----
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	60	50	2.6	-----	156	-----
Other Hay	TON	----	----	160	165	2.2	-----	352	-----
Tobacco	LBS	----	----	1.7	1.5	1,400	-----	2,380	-----
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.6	250	240	1,175	1,104
United States								<i>1,000,000</i>	
Corn ¹	ACR	79,054	79,066	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	69,313	71,985	130.0	-----	9,008	-----
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	7,490	-----	14	-----	105	-----
Peaches	BU	----	----	-----	-----	----	----	2,575	2,623
Soybeans	BU	73,758	73,653	72,160	72,681	37.8	-----	2,730	-----
Sorghum ¹	BU	9,580	9,477	----	----	----	----	----	----
Sorghum Grain	BU	----	----	7,299	8,121	50.7	-----	370	-----
Sorghum Silage	TON	----	----	352	-----	9.5	-----	3	-----
Wheat, Winter	BU	41,735	44,349	29,651	36,447	39.0	47	1,143	1,716
Barley	BU	5,073	5,461	4,135	4,899	55.0	60	227	292
All Hay	TON	----	----	64,497	64,379	2.34	-----	151	-----
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	23,135	23,541	3.19	-----	74	-----
Other Hay	TON	----	----	41,362	40,838	1.86	-----	77	-----
Tobacco	LBS	----	----	428.7	413.7	2,068	-----	890	-----
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	62.2	65.1	59.1	63.1	304	310	18	20

¹ Acres planted is for all purposes.

AUGUST RELEASE CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 Poultry Slaughter
4 Crop Progress	5 Dairy Products	6 Broiler Hatchery	7	8
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